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In re Application of: Frederick L. Ross
Serial No. 09/865,470
Date Filed: May 24, 2001
Title: LOCAL RETURNS OF REMOTELY
PURCHASED MERCHANDISE WITH
RETURN CODE VALIDATION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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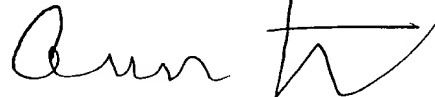
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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann C. Livingston", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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